

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on March 12, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary
David Niss, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 353
SB 388
SB 398
SB 403
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. FRANKLIN introduced the bill.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.8 - 7.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Andree Deligdisch, Clinical Social Worker, works with Head Start Families. **EXHIBIT**(huh56a01)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.2 - 8.9}

Ms. Ann Hagen-Buss, Hands Childcare Program. **EXHIBIT**(huh56a02)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.9 - 10.9}

Ms. Jodi Clasby-Schmidt, Montana People's Action.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.9 - 12.1}

Ms. Donetta Klein, Community Activator coping with block grants, **EXHIBIT**(huh56a03).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.1 - 17.8}

Ms. Ann Bower, State Board for Montana People's Action.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.8 - 19.9}

Ms. Donna Rowlevel, Montana People's Action. **EXHIBIT**(huh56a04)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.9 - 21.6}

Ms. Joni McClammy, FAIM participant.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6 - 25.3}

Ms. Rebecca Moog, Montana Women's Lobby.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.3 - 25.8}

Ms. Shelly Eisenhower, Montana People's Action.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8 - 27.3}

Ms. Colleen Murphy, Executive Director of the Montana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. **EXHIBIT**(huh56a05)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.3 - 29.2}

Mr. Steve Yeakel, Human Resource Developmental Council.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.2 - 30.3}

Ms. Sharron Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference. **EXHIBIT**(huh56a06)

Ms. Wendy Young, WEEL (Working for Equality and Economic Liberation). **EXHIBIT**(huh56a07)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.3 - 30.8}

Ms. Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.8 - 31.5}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: Mr. Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services, proposed an amendment to SB 353.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 31.5 - 1:B:8.9}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.9 - 2:A:7.1}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. FRANKLIN closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1 - 14.1}

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 388

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. CHRIATIAENS introduced the bill.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.1 - 17.4}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dr. Michael Bergkamp, Naturopath and Chairman of the Alternative Health Care Board.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.4 - 20.2}

Mr. Tom Rassmussen, former member of the Alternative Health Care Board.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.2 - 25.5}

Ms. Pat Racicot, consumer of naturopathic medicine.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.5 - 26.7}

Ms. Rhodetta Sloan, consumer of naturopathic medicine.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.7 - 28.3}

Ms. Nancy Aegenes, Naturopathic Physician. **EXHIBIT**(huh56a08) and **EXHIBIT**(huh56a09).

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.3 - 2:B:3.2}

Mr. Dennis Unsworth, State employee and consumer of naturopathic medicine.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.2 - 8.8}

Opponents' Testimony:

Ms. Susan Witte, Blue Cross Blue Shield, distributed
EXHIBIT(huh56a10), proposed amendments to SB 388.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.8 - 10.2}

Mr. Keith Colbo, New West Health Care, Deaconess.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.2 - 10.9}

Mr. Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.9 - 12.2}

Ms. Page Dringman, Health Insurance Association of America.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.2 - 14}

Mr. Don Allen, Montana Medical Benefit Plan.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 16}

Proponents' Testimony - continued:

Ms. Gene Camus, consumer of naturopathic medicine, Missoula.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 18.4}

Ms. Claudia Clifford, Insurance Commissioner's Office, offered a
technical amendment **EXHIBIT**(huh56a11).
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.4 - 19.8}

REP. CHRIS AHNER, HD 51, spoke in support of SB 388.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.8 - 23.5}

Mr. Whit Hibbard, consumer of naturopathic medicine.
EXHIBIT(huh56a12)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.5 - 28.9}

EXHIBIT(huh56a13) - pamphlet on safety, effectiveness and cost
effectiveness in naturopathic medicine.

EXHIBIT(huh56a14) - additional information.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.9 - 3:B:1.8}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. CHRISTIAENS closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.8 - 6}

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 398

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BOHLINGER introduced the bill.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6 - 9.3}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Linda Healow, Board Certified Nurse, **EXHIBIT**(huh56a15).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.3 - 13.9}

Ms. Lynn Cordeiro, Nurse in Great Falls, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh56a16) a letter of support from Ms. Pat Hennessey a registered dietitian.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.9 - 18.3}

Ms. Jo Ann Dotson, Family and Community Health Bureau, DPHHS, **EXHIBIT**(huh56a17).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 19.5}

Ms. Faylene Nelson, Board Certified Lactation Consultant, **EXHIBIT**(huh56a18).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.5 - 22.4}

Mr. Dick Paulsen, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.4 - 22.8}

Mr. Steve Yeakel, Montana Children's Alliance.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 23}

Ms. Lisa Diekhans, Nursing Moms.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 24.1}

Ms. Chris Fogelman, Registered Dietitian.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1 - 24.6}

REP. GUGGENHEIM, Board Certified Pediatrician, spoke in support of the bill.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 25}

REP. CHRIS AHNER spoke in support of the bill.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25 - 25.5}

Ms. Wendy Robinson, nursing mother.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.5 - 4.1}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.5 - 4:A:4.4}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BOHLINGER closed.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.4 - 7.3}

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 403

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. STANG introduced the bill.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.3 - 11.4}

Proponents' Testimony: Ms. Dorris Novack, Legacy Legislature.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4 - 15.4}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Mr. Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.4 - 23.1}

Mr. Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.1 - 25.3}

Informational Testimony: Mr. Larry Fasbender, Department of Justice.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.3 - 28.2}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.2 - 4:B:26.3}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. STANG closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:15 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

LS/CDJR

EXHIBIT (huh56aad)